REMARKS

The following remarks are made in response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed September 15, 2004. In that Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 4-7, 18, 19, and 22-25 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Srinivasan, U.S. Patent No. 6,072,862 ("Srinivasan"). Claims 2, 3, 20, and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Srinivasan in view of Tsumpes, U.S. Patent No. 6,442,241 ("Tsumpes"). Claims 8-11 and 14-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Srinivasan in view of Owens et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,633,630 ("Owens"). Claims 12 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Srinivasan in view of Owens as applied to claim 8 above, and further in view of Tsumpes.

With this Response, claims 1, 4, 8, and 18 have been amended. Claims 1-25 remain pending in the application and are presented for reconsideration and allowance.

35 U.S.C. §102 Rejections

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 4-7, 18, 19, and 22-25 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Srinivasan, U.S. Patent No. 6,072,862 ("Srinivasan"). Independent claim 1, as amended, recites "routing communications originally directed to original destinations at a routing system to secondary destinations, the original destinations and the secondary destinations each including a voice communication phone number, a fax communication phone number, and an e-mail address". Srinivasan does not teach or suggest a routing system with original destinations including a voice communication phone number, a fax communication phone number, and an email address. Rather, Srinivasan discloses that universal mailbox 10 uses a single subscriber number. (See, e.g., Srinivasan at col. 2, lines 37-39; and col. 4, lines 50-53). Thus, Srinivasan does not teach or suggest each and every limitation of independent claim 1, as amended.

In view of the above, independent claim 1 is not taught or suggested by Srinivasan. In addition, dependent claims 4-7, which further limit patentably distinct claim 1, are also believed to be allowable over the cited reference. Allowance of claims 1 and 4-7 is respectfully requested.

Independent claim 18, as amended, includes the limitation "the router configured to forward an incoming call directed to a first phone number in the original contact information

to a second phone number in the secondary contact information." Srinivasan discloses a universal mailbox 10 that stores and forwards messages. (See, e.g., Srinivasan at Abstract, and col. 3, lines 4-15). There is no teaching or suggestion in Srinivasan that the universal mailbox 10 is configured to forward an "incoming call" as recited in independent claim 18, as amended. Thus, Srinivasan does not teach or suggest each and every limitation of independent claim 18, as amended.

In view of the above, independent claim 18 is not taught or suggested by Srinivasan. In addition, dependent claims 19 and 22-25, which further limit patentably distinct claim 18, are also believed to be allowable over the cited reference. Allowance of claims 18, 19, and 22-25 is respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. §103 Rejections

The Examiner rejected claims 2, 3, 20, and 21 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Srinivasan in view of Tsumpes, U.S. Patent No. 6,442,241 ("Tsumpes"). Claims 2 and 3 are dependent on independent claim 1. As described above with respect to claim 1, Srinivasan does not teach or suggest a routing system with original destinations including a voice communication phone number, a fax communication phone number, and an email address, as recited in claim 1. Tsumpes also does not teach or suggest this recitation of claim 1. Since dependent claims 2 and 3 further limit patentably distinct claim 1, claims 2 and 3 are believed to be allowable over the cited references, and allowance of claims 2 and 3 is respectfully requested.

Claims 20 and 21 are dependent on independent claim 18. As described above with respect to claim 18, Srinivasan does not teach or suggest "the router configured to forward an incoming call directed to a first phone number in the original contact information to a second phone number in the secondary contact information", as recited in claim 18. Tsumpes also does not teach or suggest this recitation of claim 18. Since dependent claims 20 and 21 further limit patentably distinct claim 18, claims 20 and 21 are believed to be allowable over the cited references, and allowance of claims 20 and 21 is respectfully requested.

The Examiner rejected claims 8-11 and 14-17 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Srinivasan in view of Owens et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,633,630 ("Owens"). Independent claim 8, as amended, includes the limitation "wherein performing one of the first

action and the second action causes an incoming call to be forwarded to one of the outgoing voice phone number and the outgoing fax phone number". Srinivasan discloses a universal mailbox 10 that stores and forwards messages. (See, e.g., Srinivasan at Abstract, and col. 3, lines 4-15). Owens also discloses a universal mailbox that stores and forwards messages. (See, e.g., Owens at Abstract). There is no teaching or suggestion in Srinivasan or Owens that the universal mailboxes disclosed therein are configured to forward an "incoming call" as recited in independent claim 8, as amended.

In view of the above, independent claim 8 is not taught or suggested by Srinivasan and Owens, either alone, or in combination. In addition, dependent claims 9-11 and 14-17, which further limit patentably distinct claim 8, are also believed to be allowable over the cited references. Allowance of claims 8-11, and 14-17 is respectfully requested.

The Examiner rejected claims 12 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Srinivasan in view of Owens, and further in view of Tsumpes. Claims 12 and 13 are dependent on independent claim 8. As described above with respect to claim 8, Srinivasan and Owens do not teach or suggest "wherein performing one of the first action and the second action causes an incoming call to be forwarded to one of the outgoing voice phone number and the outgoing fax phone number", as recited in claim 8. Tsumpes also does not teach or suggest this recitation of claim 8. Since dependent claims 12 and 13 further limit patentably distinct claim 8, claims 12 and 13 are believed to be allowable over the cited references, and allowance of claims 12 and 13 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 1-25 are in a form for allowance and are not taught or suggested by the cited references. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of claims 1-25 is respectfully requested.

No fees are required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)(c). However, if such fees are required, the Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's representative at the below-listed telephone numbers to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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